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This invention claims the benefit of priority under Title 35 USC  
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IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claim 1 without prejudice.

Please amend claims 2, 14 and 18 as follows:

Claim 2 (Amended)

A distribution system for transforming and exchanging data  
between heterogeneous computer systems, comprising:

- a) a systems interface for defining logical import and export data interfaces, data transformation rule sets and scripts;
- b) a metadata database for storing said logical import and export data interfaces, data transformation rule sets and scripts;
- c) a script processor for [controlling] utilizing metadata from the metadata database to control data transformation within said systems interface and movement of said data into and out of said distribution system; and
- d) a rule set processor responsive to said script processor for manipulating a data bag for storing imported data and a data bag for storing export data.

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Claim 14 (Amended)

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